

## Overcoming Urban Challenges through Culture and Social Sustainability in Caracas' Barrios

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**Abstract :** Social sustainability is an issue scarcely addressed by different authors, being one of its key factors the psychosocial processes of sense of place, sense of community and appropriation. In Caracas's barrios (Venezuela) these were developed through sharing the construction of the place and different struggles that brought the neighbours together. However, one of the main problems they face is criminal violence, hence being its social sustainability threatened and affected by it. This matter can be addressed by acknowledging communities' sense of place and engaging in cultural events.

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